



# RAMONA GRASSLANDS PRESERVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & PUBLIC ACCESS PLANS

## DID YOU KNOW?



The Preserve is a major regional winter raptor foraging area. Winter migrants include: Ferruginous Hawk (pictured above), Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, and Prairie Falcon.



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During the winter months, vernal pools within the grasslands begin to fill with water. The vernal pools at the Preserve support several special status species, including the San Diego Fairy Shrimp (pictured above).

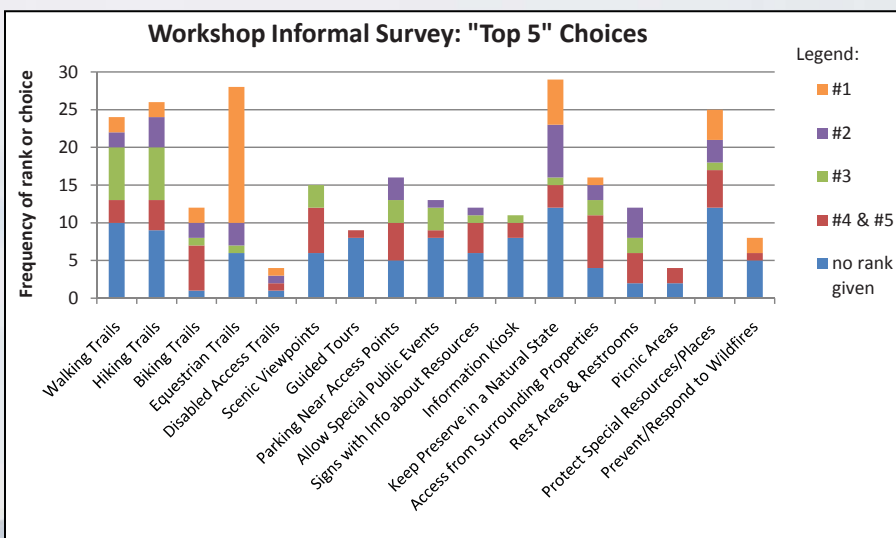


During rain events and when temperatures at the Preserve are suitable, amphibians will actively forage. This includes the Arroyo Toad (pictured above), Western Toad, and Western Spadefoot. Please be careful while traveling on Rangeland and Highland Valley Roads around the Preserve, as these species may be present and can be easily run over by vehicles.

## Project Update—January 2010

Our team initiated this project in early 2009 by conducting baseline inventories of the Preserve's biological and cultural resources, which helped us develop preliminary opportunities and constraints for public access. We presented this information to the public at a workshop on November 18, 2009, held at the Ramona Community Center. Approximately 60 people attended, and many provided a wide range of written and verbal comments about the Ramona Grasslands Preserve and associated proposed public access plan.

In addition to providing comments, 48 workshop participants responded to an informal survey of their "Top 5" items related to Preserve access, amenities, and protection. The results show that many respondents value access to the Preserve via trails, while many others value resource preservation and protection in the Preserve. See the graph below for more detailed survey results. The feedback provided by workshop participants is just a portion of the public and stakeholder input to be considered in developing the Public Access Plan.



Additional comments from the workshop, plus other materials related to the Resource Management and Public Access Plans, are posted online at: [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/openspace/RamonaGrasslands\\_RMPUpdate.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/openspace/RamonaGrasslands_RMPUpdate.html)

## Next Steps...

- Continue developing Resource Management Plan
- For the Public Access Plan:
  - Develop several alternatives for public access and amenities, based on resource inventories as well as public and stakeholder input
  - Present alternatives at public workshop proposed for spring 2010
  - Refine a preferred alternative for public access

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